

REMARKS

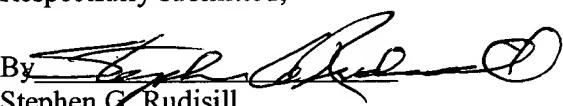
In the Office Action dated May 16, 2005, all the claims 1-41 of this application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on the basis of Rosner in view of Blackett. Blackett, however, has a filing date of December 17, 2001, which is after the April 2, 2001 filing date of the present application. Thus, Blackett does not qualify as prior art that can be used to reject claims of the present application.

It is noted that Blackett issued on an application identified as a continuation-in-part of three parent applications. The latest of those three parent applications, namely, application Serial No. 09/723,564 filed November 28, 2000, has been reviewed and does not appear to contain the passages relied upon in Blackett to reject the claims of the present application. The Examiner is invited to review the parent application(s) and bring to applicants' attention any portions thereof that the Examiner might wish to rely upon.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully requested that the rejection based on Blackett be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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